

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Amended) An amino acid composition suitable for hemodialysis, comprising amino acids in the following proportions, based on the total weight of the amino acids:

	wt%	wt%
	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Gln	15.2	22.8
Ala	7.6	11.4
Pro	6.0	9.0
Val	6.0	9.0
Gly	3.7	5.5
Lys	6.6	9.8
Leu	3.7	5.5
Thr	3.1	4.7
Ser	2.4	3.5
Arg	4.2	6.3
His	2.9	4.3
Ile	1.8	2.8
Tyr	2.4	3.5
Orn	2.4	3.5
Glu	1.8	2.8
Phe	2.1	3.1
Cys	2.9	4.3
Asn	1.3	2.0
Trp	1.6	2.4
Cit	1.0	1.6
Met	0.8	1.2

Abu	0.0	0.5
Asp	0.5	0.8

Please add the following claims.

--20. (New) A dialyzer fluid suitable for hemodialysis, prepared by a process comprising combining the amino acid composition of Claim 1 with a dialyzer fluid.--

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The specification and Claim 1 have been amended to recite that the weight percentages are based on the total weight of the amino acids. This is supported by the specification at pages 6-8. As is clear from that description, the amino acid composition is prepared by combining the amino acids and then added to a dialyzer fluid. Therefore, as one skilled in the art would readily appreciate, the weight percentages of the amino acids in the composition are based on the total weight of the amino acids. Newly added Claim 20 is supported by the specification at pages 3-15 and by original Claims 1-19.

The specification has also been amended to replace the Abstract.

No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are active in this application. Claims 1-4 are under active examination. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.